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For: REEL SEAT FOR FISHING ROD AND FISHING ROD INCORPORATING THE REEL SEAT

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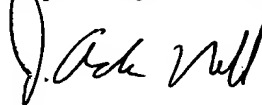
Sir:

The above-identified Application was allowed on December 4, 2003. During the final review of the application, the undersigned discovered that two references listed in the initial copy of the Form PTO-1449 submitted on January 22, 2002, which was attached to the Office Action dated April 9, 2002, were crossed out, implying that they were not considered by the Examiner. However, no explanation was ever given by the Patent Office as to why these references were not considered.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests either (1) acknowledgement of consideration of these references or (2) an explanation of why they were not considered. Attached hereto are copies of the references, along with the English Abstracts and a new Form PTO-1449 to be initialed by the Examiner. Also attached is a photocopy of the date-stamped PTO mail room receipt of January 22,

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References (2)

Form PTO-1449

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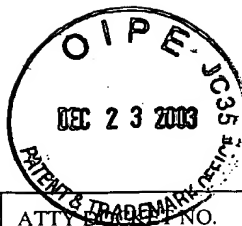
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUB CLASS
	1	JP Application 10-260165 (Corresponding to JP-A-2000- 83526) (w/abstract)				
	2	JP Application 07-341355 (Corresponding to JP-A-09-172915) (w/abstract)				

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)

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